

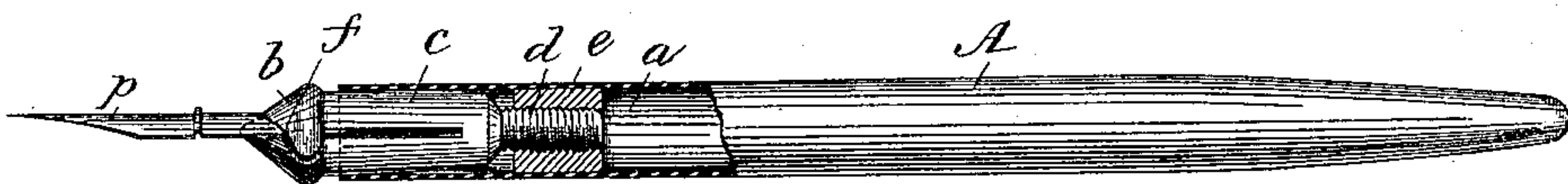
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JULIUS M. CLAPP, of Boston, county of Suffolk, and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Pen-Holders, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

This invention has for its object to construct a pen-holder whereby the point of the pen when ready for use occupies a position substantially in a line with the axis of the holder, and also by its construction possesses other advantages, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

The invention consists of a holder suitably bored at its forward end and provided with a screw-threaded block rigidly secured therein, combined with an adjustable plug to enter the bored portion of the holder, said plug being screw-threaded at one end to engage the screw-threaded block, while its opposite end is provided with a conical head, which, together with the shank portion of the plug, is slotted to permit the pen to be inserted.

The drawing shows in side elevation and partial section a pen-holder constructed in accordance with this invention. The holder A, made of any usual or suitable material—such, for instance, as india-rubber—and of any shape desired, is bored centrally or made tubular at its forward end, as at *a*, to receive the plug composed of the head *b*, the conical shank *c*, and the screw-threaded portion *d*, which is made to engage and is adjustable in a screw-threaded block, *e*, fitted into the hole and rigidly fixed therein. The enlarged head of the plug is split, as at 4, for the reception of any

usual pen, *p*, which, when inserted ready for use, lies substantially in line with the axis of the holder. The slightly-tapered plug, divided at 4, presents two jaws, which are closed by screwing the plug into the block and holder, and opened by a reverse movement to insert the pen. Placing the pen in line with the axis of the holder enables the holder and pen to be used for a long time with less fatigue than when the pen is in line with the periphery of the holder. The enlarged head of the plug protects the fingers from ink, and the pen if laid on a surface and permitted to roll will not ink the surface over which it rolls.

I do not desire to limit my invention to the exact shape of the head of the plug.

I claim—

1. The bored or hollow holder A, and the block *e* therein, combined with a centrally-slotted plug of suitable diameter to fit the holder, the slot in the plug retaining the pen substantially in line with the axis of the holder, substantially as described.

2. The holder A and its block *e*, combined with the conical plug having a head, *b*, of larger diameter than the shank, and screw-threaded portion *d*, the said head and shank together being slotted centrally to retain a pen substantially in a line with the axis of the holder, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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